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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY VALIDATION OF PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

1. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BEGAN DEBATE ON PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION MORNING SEPTEMBER 30. DEBATE GOT UNDERWAY AT 9:30 DESPITE PROTEST DEMONSTRATION GOING ON OUTSIDE ASSEMBLY BUILDING.

2. AS SESSION BEGAN, BRIEF COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY ASSEMBLY'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE UNDER SIGNATURE OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NGUYEN THANH VINH. COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT COMMITTEE MET FROM EVENING SEPTEMBER 29 UNTIL MORNING SEPTEMBER 30 TO REVIEW ELECTION COMPLAINTS AND HEAR REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE

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MEMBERS ON POLLING RESULTS FROM THROUGHOUT COUNTRY. VOTE THEN TAKEN ON THE VALIDITY OF THE ELECTION AND, OF THE 19 VOTES CAST, 16 WERE AGAINST VALIDATION, TWO WERE FOR AND ONE BALLOT WAS BLANK.

3. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN NGUYEN THANH VINH READ BRIEF STATEMENT TO DEPUTIES DESCRIBING WORK OF COMMITTEE AND ESTABLISHING AGENDA FOR DAY'S SESSION. FIRST, COMMITTEE RAPPORTEUR WOULD REVIEW FOR ASSEMBLY REPORT OF CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL AND ASSEMBLY WOULD DEBATE COMPLAINTS CONSIDERED BY THAT COUNCIL. SECOND, COMMITTEE WOULD REPORT FINDINGS OF ITS OWN DETAILED EXAMINATION OF ELECTION RETURNS FOR CONSIDERATION BY ENTIRE ASSEMBLY.

4. AS OF 1:30 LOCAL TIME DEBATE WAS PROCEEDING ON ELECTION COMPLAINTS EXAMINED BY CENTRAL ELECTION COUNCIL. FULLER REPORT ON SUBSTANCE OF DEBATE WILL BE SUBMITTED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

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